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## MORE MONEY NEEDED

Nearly \$500,000 Asked For To Complete the New Post Office.

## BETTERMENTS MADE IN THE BUILDING

Many Wise Changes of the Original Plans.

## MR. CARLISLE'S LETTER

Speaker Reed today received a communication from Secretary Carlisle asking an additional appropriation of \$100,000 for the completion of the Washington city post office. This increase, he says, is necessitated by changes in plans to better the building and to furnish accommodations for numerous government offices now occupying rented quarters. Secretary Carlisle's letter states that the cost of the one of the buildings as fixed by the act of Congress of March 3, 1891, is \$2,000,000. The cost of the contracts and contingent expenses to date is about \$1,521,250.65, leaving a balance for the completion of the building of \$78,749.35. "The work necessary to complete the building," he continues, "consists of the brick and terra cotta floor, arches and partitions, plastering, plumbing, iron stairs, heating apparatus, elevators and approaches, and from estimates made in the office of the supervising architect of this department it appears that such work will be necessary to complete the building as now designed.

## Room for Many Offices Provided.

Besides this amount the sum of \$65,000 will be required to provide the building with a dependent light and power plant, and \$50,000 for carrying out a contemplated change in the plan of the building, by which additional room will be made available for the railway mail service, the bureau of statistics, the Department of Labor, the office of education, Indian affairs and the Department of the Interior. The States civil service commission, the bureau of ethnology and the various other government offices now occupying rented quarters in the city. It is estimated that the two last mentioned items, aggregating \$115,000, were not included in the original estimate.

The Secretary says that from this it appears that an additional appropriation of \$100,000 will be necessary to complete the building, and that the amount be appropriated for that purpose.

## Betterments of the Building.

"The above appropriation of \$100,000," he continues, "is made necessary by the fact that certain betterments were made in the building which were not contemplated in the original official estimate, but which were deemed necessary by the different supervising architects of this department for the proper adaptation of the building for the purposes intended. The betterments, besides the three for the light and power plant, and increased floor area, are briefly enumerated as follows:

"In the month of March, 1892, the design of the building was changed so as to provide a basement and eight stories, in lieu of a basement and six stories, and to add dormers in lieu of iron; this also incidentally necessitated the heightening of the tower some six feet above the main roof, thereby increasing the cost of the building \$55,000.

## Other Improvements.

"In the month of October, 1893, areas which were not originally intended were designed along each front of the building to permit increasing the size of basement openings and thereby making available for post office purposes a portion of said basement, which betterment cost the sum of \$30,000. The entire stone facing above the second story was changed July 12, 1894, from quarry-faced work to fine dress work at a cost of \$200,000. The supervising architect then in office strongly recommended this betterment, and it was carried out. In his opinion, it could be done and the building completed within the limit of the original appropriation, and the Secretary has developed the correctness of this judgment.

Secretary Carlisle's communication was referred to the committee on appropriations, as the money for this building is provided in the sundry civil appropriation bill.

## THE POSTAL MUSEUM.

## An Interesting Exhibit Opened Today in the Department.

The Postal Museum, which has been slowly organizing during the past two or three years under the fostering care of many of the old officials of the Post Office Department, was opened today in its spacious and pleasant quarters on the ground floor of the F street side of the department building. A large part of the museum was shown in the Atlanta exposition, and has been recently returned to Washington, in charge of F. R. Slack, an old department official, who has taken great interest in the museum, and is constantly on the lookout for appropriate additions to it.

The aim has been, in gathering this collection of postal exhibits, to make it instructive as well as entertaining, and it embraces a vast collection of postal devices from all parts of the world, so that all postmasters and railway mail officials, who have the opportunity, may, by a few hours' study in the museum, acquire a knowledge of how things are done by postal authorities elsewhere.

The museum is reached from the east entrance on the F street wing, and is a large room well lighted on the east and west sides from the court. The ceiling is high, giving an excellent opportunity for the display of large collections of postage stamps of this country and others in the postal union, together with many fine photographs of mail cars, coaches, and various postal devices.

## The Board of Trade.

An important meeting of the board of trade will be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the hall of the Builders' Exchange, the subject for consideration to be the public health and sanitation of the city. Addresses will be delivered by gentlemen who have made exhaustive study of the causes of disease and the means of prevention. The meeting will be in charge of the committee on public health, composed of Dr. S. C. Bussey, chairman; Thomas Woodard, Dr. W. W. Johnston, Dr. G. Lloyd Underwood, Dr. W. H. Thompson, Dr. S. Sheild, Dr. H. E. Johnson and Dr. W. P. C. Hazen. The program is now being arranged, and will be announced in the near future.

## Agricultural Exhibit at Vienna.

The Department of State has been officially notified that an international exhibition of agricultural machinery will be held at Vienna, Austria, from the 10th to the 15th of May. This exhibition is invited to participate in the exhibition, and exhibits sent from the United States will be readmitted duty free, under the provisions of the tariff act now in force.

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## HELP FOR CUBA

Congress Uncertain as to the Most Effective Action.

A Word of Encouragement From the President Would Be Valuable.

Never since hostilities first began have the administration's real inclinations in this Cuban business been of so much moment as at this present hour. Congress is face to face with the question of action, and will take action, friendly to Cuba, but is divided in the circumstances that exist as to what means may be made the most effective.

It is not known that the President is not in sympathy with the insurgents, but there is a fear that he is not, and hence the effort of the Senate committee on foreign relations to go as far as Congress may go to help the Cubans without the President's assistance. Hence the majority report from that committee of a concurrent resolution according belligerent rights to the insurgents as an act independent of the President's sanction. But that was but little more than an expression of sympathy. It will not accomplish what the insurgents expect, or what Congress really desires that they shall receive. The necessity has been raised respecting the power of Congress to proceed in that way.

## The Thing That Should Be Done.

Mr. Cameron's minority proposition is regarded as being the proper caper. That represents the President to interpose his friendly office—that is, the friendly office of this government toward securing the independence of Cuba. The Senate desires that, and would pass the Cameron resolution speedily with any assurance of cooperation from the White House. But such might, as in other cases in the case of the Armenian resolutions for conscientious objection, balk the desire of Congress, might simply pocket the deliverance, adverting to Congress as well as to the President, his own part, seems to be indifferent, for his point, he would have Congress act upon the full measure of the President's intentions, leaving to his faith and conscience the responsibility of antagonizing public sentiment in the United States, if he chooses to do so.

## President's Course Regretted.

The President's course—hostile in effect, though not in open expression—is very much regretted by some of the warmest of his admirers. He has received some pointed suggestions on the subject from men who have differed from him on no other point. And these men have been honest in their policy of criticism. Is there not the fullest justification for change in the situation itself? If, through oversight and for long time the President, at the same time, he hesitates a moment when Spain depicts the situation of the island, and recalls Campos and commissions Weyler? Is it not the duty of the administration to consider the question of protecting the seal herds of the Pacific ocean, cannot consideration be given to the protection of human beings, and the friends of the island of Cuba? Is the cruel and indiscriminate slaughter of swimming and land animals more reprehensible than the indiscriminate slaughter of human beings? Is the Canadian or the Russian poacher on the preserves of the open sea so much less reprehensible than the poacher on the preserves of humanity?

## A Word of Encouragement.

A word of encouragement from the President at this time, or from somebody authorized to speak for him, would serve a very valuable purpose. But nobody seems to feel hopeful of such help for Cuba.

## WAS DESERTED.

## Woman and Child Sent Back to Baltimore.

"I belong in Baltimore, my husband has deserted me and I want to be sent home," said a woman who said she entered police headquarters today. She carried in her arms an infant, which she says is only five weeks old. "I can't work with this baby in my arms," she said, "and the only hope I have is to get back to Baltimore, where my sister lives."

The distressed woman, who appears to be about forty years old, gave her name as Elizabeth Glidden, and said she came here yesterday with her husband, George Glidden, who is a music teacher. When they left their home on Capitol Hill, she said, they came here with the intention of teaching music, because he was not doing so well in Baltimore.

"I had 60 cents of my own money when I came here," she said, "but he has that, and I am without a cent. He left me and returned to Baltimore."

Mrs. Glidden said that she had stopped at a house near the Baltimore and Ohio depot, where she was told that she could find a place to stay. She said she had not even have car fare, but had to walk through the cold wind until she was fairly frozen. She said she was fairly well clothed, and had the little child wrapped in a blanket. The child seemed to give her much more uneasiness than did the loss of her husband. She said she was not sure that she could stand the cold winds without contracting a severe cold and probably the smallpox.

Detective Sergeant Robert Johnson, who listened to the sad tale of woe, showed the woman to Sanitary Officer Frank's office, where she repeated what she had already said. Sanitary Officer Frank heard what she said, and put her on the first train for Baltimore.

## MISSING FOR YEARS.

## Walter S. Hawk Disappeared and Is Found Again.

Thirteen years ago a young man named Walter Scott Hawk, whose mother lives in Missouri and whose brother is deputy sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, disappeared. He was last seen in charge of the English consul as a shipwrecked mariner. Just what became of him after this thrilling experience his relatives did not know, and as he failed to communicate with them they feared the worst had happened and had about concluded that he was dead.

Indirectly his mother and brother heard of him, but as he did not write to them, they became alarmed and finally concluded to have Inspector Hollnberger send out a descriptive circular. This was done two months ago.

Copies of this circular were sent all over the country, and now Mrs. Hawk is perhaps the happiest woman in the United States, for her boy, whom she supposed was dead, is alive and doing well. He is located at a place called Miami, Dade county, Fla., and is doing very well. The completion of the anxious inquiries that were made for him.

Information of the finding of the missing man has also been received by the police department, and it is likely that the mother and son will soon be reunited.

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## THE WATER SUPPLY

Proposed Completion of the New Reservoir.

## GEN. CRAIGHILL WRITES A LETTER

Commissioners in Favor of Finishing the Tunnel.

## CAPT. BURRIS' REPORT

The prospects for increasing the water supply of Washington are very good if the Senate committee on the District of Columbia succeeds in carrying the plan for this purpose. A few days ago Mr. McMillan introduced in the Senate a bill to provide for the completion of the Washington aqueduct tunnel. Gen. W. P. Craighill, chief of engineers, has in response to a communication sent to him by Senator McMillan, made reply in regard to the cost of completing the Howard University reservoir, which will be added to Mr. McMillan's bill, as it is a necessary part of the system of increasing the water supply of Washington. He should proceed in connection with the work of perfecting the reservoir. Gen. Craighill submitted the following, which will be added to Mr. McMillan's bill as an amendment:

"Provided, that the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to resume work on the aqueduct aqueduct tunnel and its accessories at the Howard University reservoir, authorized by section 2 of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1892, entitled 'An act to increase the water supply of the city of Washington and for other purposes,' and to prosecute and complete the same."

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